

RECOGNIZING CALEB D. HENDERSON FOR THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Caleb D. Henderson, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Caleb has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the years Caleb has been involved in Scouting, he has earned 27 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Caleb is also an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and earned the World Conservation Award in February 2007.

For his Eagle Scout project, Caleb designed and trained Scouts in concrete work and supervised the construction of a dumpster pad facility for North Oak Christian Church in Kansas City. Caleb has also attended the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and three camps and two Klondike Derbys.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Caleb D. Henderson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2272,
AMERICA COMPETES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2272, the 21st Century Competitiveness Act.

I want to commend my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for working together on this important legislation that responds to the global economic challenges our country faces. This bill ensures that American students, teachers, businesses, and workers are prepared to continue leading the world in innovation, research, and technology well into the future.

In order for the United States to remain competitive in the global economy, we must invest in education. This bill will allow more students to be trained in math, science, engineering, and technology education through quality, innovative teacher-training programs. As a result, our future generation will be able to transform ideas into new technologies that will boost our economy and create good jobs here at home.

Sadly over the last decade, U.S. Federal funding for research and development has declined steadily. H.R. 2272 makes a renewed commitment to independent scientific research by increasing funding for the National Science Foundation, NSF, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST, and the Department of Energy's Office of Science. This

bill provides grants for outstanding researchers and coordinates research ideas and infrastructure needs between universities, national labs, and Government agencies.

In addition, creating a new energy policy is a top priority for the new Democratic majority. Clean energy technologies will create high-paying American jobs, strengthen our national security, lower costs for consumers, and reduce global warming. The 21st Century Competitiveness Act strengthens our national commitment to energy research and innovation by creating a new Advanced Research Agency for Energy, ARPA-E.

Finally, H.R. 2272 increases support for innovative entrepreneurs. Small businesses are often the catalyst for new innovations; however these businesses face significant obstacles that limit their efforts to transform ideas into reality. This bill increases funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, MEP, and also creates the Technology Innovation Program, TIP, that supports small businesses that are developing technologies that will benefit our country and world.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this critical legislation that ensures the United States' global competitiveness.

HONORING NORTH LAKE COLLEGE
FOR 30 YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor North Lake College in celebration of its 30th anniversary of educational excellence.

North Lake College's main campus is set on 276 acres in Irving-Las Colinas business center. The college has expanded its facilities to provide diverse services and programs for its students. From the construction of an expanded Science and Medical Professions Building, a Workforce Development Center, and a General Purpose Building on the main campus to satellite campuses in downtown Irving, the South Irving Center and the Dallas-Fort Worth Education Center, North Lake is continually meeting the needs of its students and community.

Since opening its doors in the Fall of 1977, North Lake has increased its enrollment from 2,823 students to 9,415 credit students in the Fall of 2006. It is an accredited public community college with an open door admission policy. As part of the Dallas County Community College District, North Lake is committed to "Closing the Gaps" a Texas state initiative to continually increase enrollment goals for all population groups. Today, North Lake College serves approximately 23,000 credit students and 12,000 continuing education students.

North Lake College's expert planning and partnerships has contributed to its success in offering students a variety of occupational and degree programs preparing them for employment in the workforce or transferring to any Texas public university or college. North Lake offers degrees in Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Sciences in more than 24 areas of study. In addition to the degree programs, students can earn certifications in more than 60 career fields.

North Lake College's 30th anniversary is worthy of recognition. Its beautiful campuses, its diverse and growing enrollment, and its wide array of educational degree and certification programs are all a testament of educational excellence. I am honored to represent such a respected collegiate institution in the 24th District of Texas.

AARON ADDISON TAYLOR FOR
THE AWARD OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron Addison Taylor, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the years Aaron has been involved in scouting, he has earned 25 merit badges and held numerous leadership positions, serving as Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader. Aaron is also an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and entered the Tribe of Mic-O-Say as Brave Unyielding Rock in 2006 and elevated to Hardway Warrior in 2007.

For his Eagle Scout project, Aaron designed and procured materials for and supervised the construction of "no-stoop" garden planter boxes for residents of the Kansas City Garden Village assisted living community. Aaron has also attended the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, and 3-year attendance at District Camporee and Klondike Derbies.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Aaron Addison Taylor for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING COLT KNOST
FOR U.S. AMATEUR VICTORY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pilot Point native Colt Knost on his victory at the 107th U.S. Amateur Championship. Knost defeated Michael Thompson, 2 and 1, in the 36-hole final match.

The Amateur is one of 13 national championships conducted annually by the United States Golf Association, 10 of which are strictly for amateurs. The USGA is the national governing body of golf in this country and Mexico, a combined territory that includes more than half the game's golfers and golf courses.

Colt Knost, 22, played at Southern Methodist University. With this victory, Knost became the sixth golfer in history to win two USGA championships in the same season, and the second to win the Amateur and the Amateur Public Links in the same year. Knost